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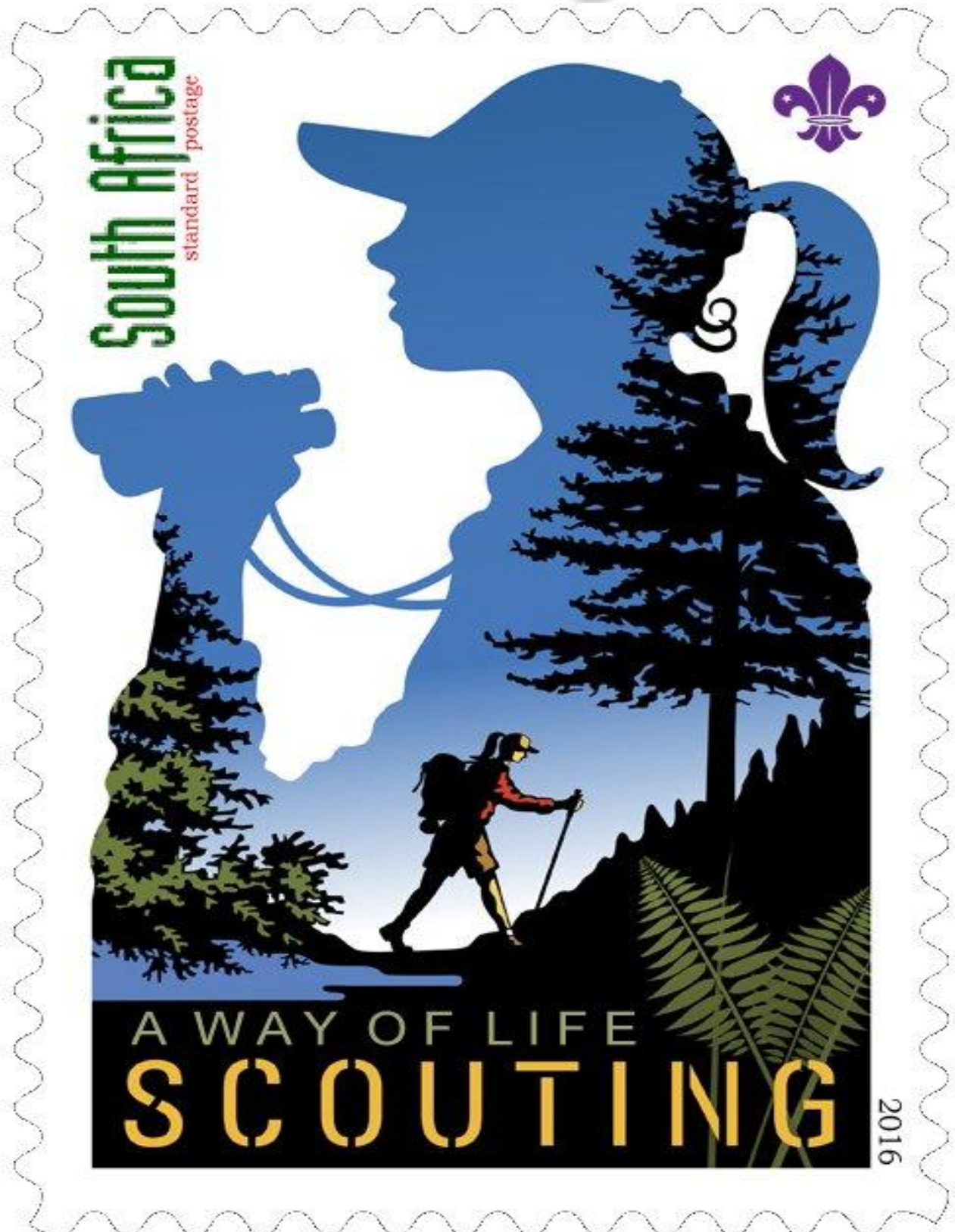
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The **25th Patrol Leaders Training Unit Course (PLTU)** was held over 9 days Sun 24 – Mon 28 March at Hawequas. This is one of the most sought after intense annual training courses in the Western Cape, with a max of 40 participants per course. PL's not only come away from the course charged, motivated, enthused and filled with ideas, but with never to be forgotten life experiences - PL's today being groomed to be tomorrow's Adult Leaders. A huge highlight is the final campfire signalling course end with parents and invited guests. The **25th PLTU Course** leader was Liz Broadley.



Friday 18 March and 1st Belvedere Patrols each decided to treat their Scouts (and themselves of course) to a full 3 course meal for the evening.




Hawequas now has a bike trail across the property, also excellent for a hiking path with great views. Sat 19 March, part of the **Cape Epic** crossed our property with a huge water point on the Terraces.

1st Strandfontein Troop Hike Sun 3 April went over mountainous terrain for 9km's from Kalk Bay Echo Valley to Boomslang Cave and back, phew!



During the weekend of 8-10 April 2016 I shot the Scouts' annual **Kontiki Competition**, [see more of my photo's](#), this year with a Star wars theme. Arguably the biggest contest in Scouting in the Western Cape, Kontiki is a raft building competition held annually at the Sea Scout Base, Sandvlei, near Muizenberg. Over the course of the weekend around 600 boys and girls between the ages of 11-18 participated. Teams of Scouts and Girl Guides have to construct a raft using pioneering skills. This means only ropes, poles, staves, wooden boards and drums are allowed to be used. That's right, NO nuts, bolts, screws, nails or any of those wussy kind of stuff are allowed to be used. Once complete, the teams have to launch their rafts into the water and live on board for twenty four hours. While on the water they have to cook their meals (of which a sample must be ferried ashore for the judges to test and score), compete in a tender race and also complete various spare time activities. They are not allowed to receive any support from land once they leave the shore. The rest of the Scouts left on shore (who assisted with the raft building), compete in various Fringe Activities to keep everyone busy for the entire weekend. 1st Monte Vista won the best Raft activity, while 1st Bergvliet won the Fringe Competition. Thanks to Robbie Owen and an amazing team for another great exciting and fun weekend. *Francois Rossouw*





A highly successful **Senior Cub Survival Camp** was held Fri 8 to Sun 10 April, for 10 year old Cubs. 4 Teams of survivors from 13 Packs met at Hawequas for a **Senior Cub Adventure** which would leave them with plenty of awesome memories. The Theme 'Survivor' was carried out throughout the whole weekend, the teams names were Philippine words meaning 'trusty, loyal, helpful, etc' and gave a great foundation for the Cubs as an intro to Scouts and the Scout Laws. Tree mail was a great success as was the hidden immunity (reward) idols. Campfire was one of the biggest highlights as was the gross food challenge. Many new friends were made and tired young survivors returned home on Sunday. This Regional Senior Camp is to become a fixture on the Cubs calendar for the last weekend in March each year. *Simon Grantham - Camp Leader*



The **Crew** met up at the Den Monday 18 April to **make soup and food parcels**, to be given to the Goodwood Salvation Army to distribute to the areas homeless. The raw ingredients had all been supplied by anonymous donors, to whom we are incredibly grateful. There was a catch though, all teams were handicapped by having their hands tied to each other – making even a simple task like grating a turnip incredibly tricky. By the end of the night we'd filled a 30 L container with soup, and packaged 180 jam sandwiches. We hope to continue this type of service again in the future.



Leaving Cape Town



Congratulations to Grant Chapman, Rory Rochat and the crew of JML Rotary Scout for achieving 2nd place in the recent **Vasco Da Gama Ocean Race, Durban to Port Elizabeth** 23 to 27 April. Rotary Scout visited Scout groups on the sail to Durban, provided opportunity to many scouts in other Regions to sail on her and then went on to a second place position in the race itself. Great commitment, skill and passion from all who crewed her at different stages of the voyage. Scouts SA is deeply grateful to all the sponsors and crew and the Sea Scout team in Western Cape for the very big contribution to Scouting that JML Rotary Scout makes. *Paddy Milner*

6th Rondebosch had a Senior Scout Sailing Camp Sat 16 to Sun 17 April at Sandvlei Sea Scout Base. They sailed in the 'pink lady' kindly lent to them by 1st Bergvlei. It was a great weekend and the Scouts practiced their sailing skills in some challenging winds. Thanks to Harry and Megan who were able to join them - two new Water Charge candidates.



3rd Pinelands Cub Pack hiked up the first part of Skeleton Gorge on Freedom Day Wed 27 April, stopping at the waterfall to admire the view and experience the waterfall, then along and down the contour path back to Kirstenbosch. A quick walk on the amazing and exciting Boomslang aerial bridge followed, before going home to enjoy the rest of Freedom Day. It was a great way to celebrate our freedom in beautiful surroundings.





Callum Geyser 1st Camps Bay and Benjamin Alexander 7th Green & Sea Point are at present in London assisting at the **South London Scout Centre** as part of the **Hawequas / London connection** from April until September. They were no sooner there than they were left to experience first world London transport in a big city, take a bus tour to Edinburgh and Scotland, and recently made a trip to Brownsea Island. This is possible annually for 2 Scouts with huge thanks to the warden at SLSC Gordon Carr.



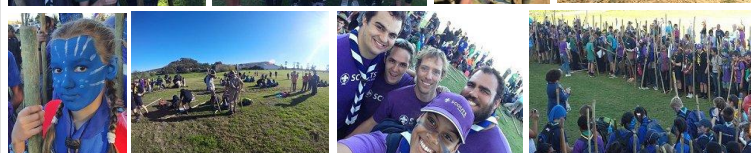
1st Bothasig Cub Pack went on a fun mountain hike Sat 14 May, walking from Rhodes Memorial to Kings Blockhouse and back under clear blue sky.

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1st Knysna Sea Scouts Micaela and Cammy waiting for their paint to be mixed, before setting off to paint walls and a mural at Mama Mia Crêche Sat May 14.

Upton Shield for younger Scouts this year Sun 15 May had a record 68 teams (4 being Girl Guides) taking part with an Avatar theme. The venue was on the 300 year old prestige Meerendal Wine Estate on the rolling hills of Durbanville. Meerendal is dedicated to giving back to the community through the involvement in charities and NGO's. Well done 2nd Somerset West in taking home the Trophy and coming 2nd with 1st Claremont. Many thanks to all our judges and especially Chief Judge Dominique Battle who also solved numerous challenges efficiently.



2015/16 SPRINGBOK SCOUTS WC

Georgina Barker - 1st Mossel Bay
James Barnard - 1st Bergvliet
Sean Cheney - 1st Bergvliet
Stephen Cochrane - 1st Durbanville
Chad Corbett - 2nd Bergvliet
Zachery Preyser - 2nd Bergvliet
Richard Tolsma - 2nd Fish Hoek
Monet van Antwerpen - 2nd Somerset West
Rudi van Kersen - 1st George

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
Kyle Cato - 3rd Pinelands

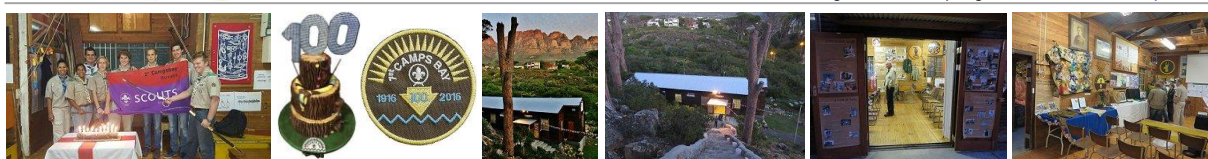
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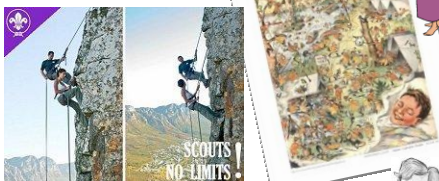
2nd Bergvliet - Gold
1st Pinelands - Silver



3rd Pinelands Melissa Rijs presents Kyle Cato the Messenger of Peace Badge prior to **Regional Awards** evening Wed 18 May at 1st Monte Vista Hall. Special mention to be made of Norman v/d Vent who received the Silver Protea from previous recipients including Buzz Macey, who between them have over 200 years service. Stuart Ravenscroft received 30 Year Bar and Denzil Roberts 60 Year Bar on the evening. Well done Springboks **and all other recipients**.



1st Camps Bay's new Rover Crew opened Fri 22 April, the Group **turned 100** on Thurs 19 May and Sat 21st **celebrated this Centenary milestone** in true Scouting style, with as many 'old boys ex-members' present and huge perfection log cake. Many stories were told by past members to the amazement of Cubs and Scouts. GS Alex Jochheim and Chairman Ed Bysshe inspired all present with past history and present achievements. Scout Heritage was there to create an awareness of Scout history with items on display including Trophies won by Camps Bay in the past. Then on to eats and mingling, some total strangers thrown together, but creating an immense camaraderie as one huge Scouting family again united.



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